

TOY SAFETY

Children's Toys



- Never hang toys with long strings, cords, loops or ribbons in cribs or playpens where children may become entangled.
- Remove crib gyms from the crib once the child can pull up on hands and knees; some children have strangled when they fell on crib gyms stretched across the crib.



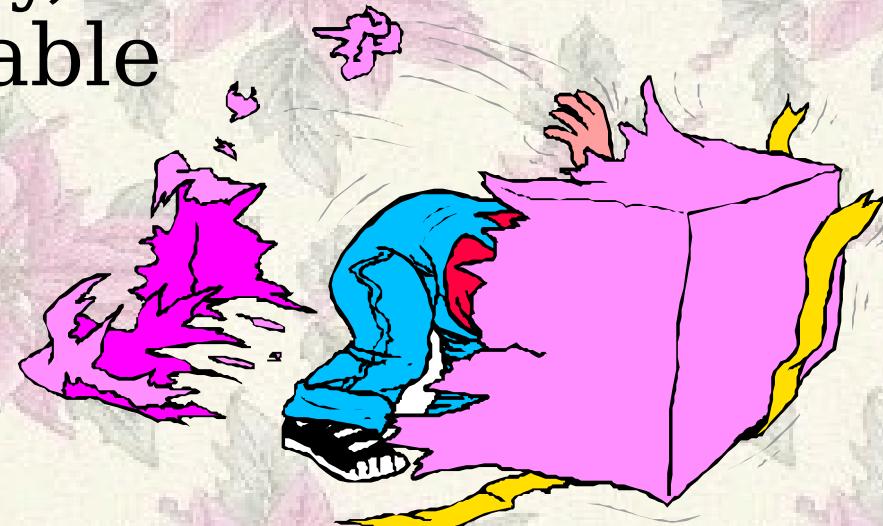
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- Broken toys may have dangerous points or prongs.
- Stuffed toys may have wires inside, which could cut or stab if exposed.
- Even a toy as simple as a balloon, when uninflated or broken, can choke or suffocate a young child.
- Keep toys designed for older children

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- Children should never be permitted to play with adult lawn darts or other hobby or sporting equipment that has sharp points.
- Children should be taught how to use electric toys properly, and adult ~~supervision is not advisable~~ toys can shock or burn if they are improperly constructed, incorrectly wired, or not properly maintained.



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- Check all toys periodically for breakage and potential hazards. On wooden toys, sand any surfaces that may have become splintered or edges that have become sharp.
- When repainting toys and toy boxes, avoid using leftover paint unless it was purchased recently. Older paints may



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- Teach children to put their toys away safely on reachable shelves or in a toy chest.
- Toy boxes, too, should be checked for safety. Use a toy chest with a lid that will stay open in any position to which it is raised, and will not fall on a child unexpectedly.





**Keep the Holiday
Safe for Your Children—
Choose Toys Wisely!**